

The Fremont County Board of Supervisors met in special session to reorganize for 2024 on Tuesday, January 2, 2024, in the Fremont County Courthouse Boardroom, with Chris Clark, Dustin Sheldon, and Clint Blackburn present. A quorum was declared, and the meeting officially called to order at 9:00 a.m. Minutes of the previous board session were read and approved. The agenda was approved as posted.

Let the records show that Engineer Dan Davis was present for this meeting.

The board approved the following resolutions to reorganize the board for 2024:

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-1

WHEREAS, motion was made by Sheldon to appoint Chris Clark as Board Chairman and Clint Blackburn as Board Vice-Chairman.

WHEREAS, the Board Chairman may make motions and vote as any other member of the Board.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Fremont County Board of Supervisors this 2nd day of January, 2024, that Supervisor Clark is appointed Board Chairman and Supervisor Blackburn is appointed to the position of Vice-Chairman.

ATTEST:

/s/ Dee Owen
Fremont County Auditor

/s/ Chris Clark, Chairman	aye
/s/ Clint Blackburn	aye
/s/ Dustin Sheldon	aye

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-2

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Fremont County Board of Supervisors this 2nd day of January, 2024, that the 2024 committee appointments are as follows:

Supervisor Sheldon – Welcome Center Board, West Central Development, Landfill Commission, Local Emergency Response, Southwest Iowa Juvenile Emergency Services Board, Loess Hills Alliance, and Safety Committee.

Supervisor Blackburn – DECAT Board, DHS Service Advisory Board, Emergency Management Commission, Zion Recovery Board, Fourth Judicial District 28E Board, Board of Health, Corner Counties Early Childhood, Workforce Development, East & West Nishnabotna WMA, and REAP Commission.

Supervisor Clark – Waubonsie Mental Health, Tourism Board, Loess Hills Authority, Hungry Canyons Authority, Hungry Canyons Alliance, Southwest Iowa Transit, Southwest Iowa Planning Council, SCIA, Regional Planning Affiliate Board, and Local Emergency Response.

Clark, Sheldon, and Blackburn appointed to E911 Board with one vote.

Motion was made by Sheldon.

ATTEST:

/s/ Dee Owen
Fremont County Auditor

/s/ Chris Clark, Chairman	aye
/s/ Clint Blackburn	aye
/s/ Dustin Sheldon	aye

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-3

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Fremont County Board of Supervisors this 2nd day of January 2024, that the Board will hold its regular meetings on Wednesday of each week in the office of the Fremont County Courthouse, Sidney, Iowa, commencing at 9:00 a.m. until business is concluded. Meetings for 2024 will begin on January 10, 2024.

Motion made by Sheldon.

ATTEST:

/s/ Dee Owen
Fremont County Auditor

/s/ Chris Clark, Chairman	aye
/s/ Clint Blackburn	aye
/s/ Dustin Sheldon	aye

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-4

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Fremont County Board of Supervisors this 2nd day of January 2024, that the Fremont-Mills Leader-Beacon and The Hamburg Reporter be designated as the County's official newspapers for 2024.

Motion to approve made by Blackburn.

ATTEST:

/s/ Dee Owen
Fremont County Auditor

/s/ Chris Clark, Chairman	aye
/s/ Clint Blackburn	aye
/s/ Dustin Sheldon	aye

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-5

Authorization of County Auditor to Issue Warrants

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Fremont County, Iowa, hereby authorize the Fremont County Auditor, Dee Owen, to issue warrants for fixed charges including, but not limited to freight, postage, utilities, telephone service, contractual services, insurance premiums, and invoices allowing discounts. Any prepayment of civil service fees submitted by the County Attorney's Office or County Sheriff's Office and emergency general assistance claims. These claims shall be audited and

allowed at the next regular claim date. The County Auditor is further authorized to issue warrants for salaries and payrolls as approved by the Board of Supervisors, all according to Section 331.506 of the Code of Iowa.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fremont County Board of Supervisors adopt the Resolution - Authorization of County Auditor to Issue Warrants for 2024.

ATTEST:

/s/ Dee Owen
Fremont County Auditor

/s/ Chris Clark, Chairman	aye
/s/ Clint Blackburn	aye
/s/ Dustin Sheldon	aye

Motion made by Sheldon to set the mileage rate at \$.67 (IRS mileage rate for 2023 was \$.65 ½) per mile effective January 1, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Sheldon to appoint Randy Moyer as weed commissioner for 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Sheldon to reappoint Kelli Woltemath, D.O. as medical examiner for 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Sheldon to appoint David Owen and John Travis as medical investigators for 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

Engineer Dan Davis met with the board for the signing of the following:

Motion by Blackburn to sign IDOT payment voucher with HGM Associates for engineering services for a bridge on J-18 per agreement through 12/15/23. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Sheldon to allow the use of the courthouse on January 17th for the Fremont County Republican Convention as in years past. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Blackburn to approve new hire resolution for the auditor's office. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-6

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Fremont County Board of Supervisors this 2nd day of January, 2024, that the following individual shall be approved as Assistant Auditor for the Fremont County Auditor's Office, as requested by Fremont County Auditor Dee Owen. The effective date of full-time employment shall be December 29th, 2023.

Jessica Richardson – Assistant Auditor

Motion to approve made by Blackburn.

ATTEST:

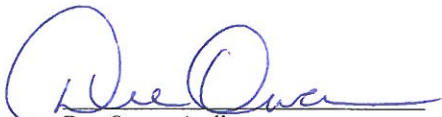
/s/ Dee Owen
Fremont County Auditor


/s/ Chris Clark, Chairman	aye
/s/ Clint Blackburn	aye
/s/ Dustin Sheldon	aye

Claims were approved for January 6, 2024.

At 9:32 a.m., with no further business, Sheldon motioned to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:


Dee Owen, Auditor


Chris Clark, Chairman

The Fremont County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Wednesday, January 10, 2024, in the Fremont County Courthouse Boardroom, with Chris Clark, Dustin Sheldon, and Clint Blackburn present. A quorum was declared, and the meeting officially called to order at 9:00 a.m. Minutes of the previous board session were read and approved. The agenda was approved as posted.

Let the records show that Engineer Dan Davis and Treasurer Alise Snyder were present for this meeting.

Motion by Blackburn to approve Resolution No. 2024-7 Appointing Eminent Domain Commission Members. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-7

RESOLUTION APPOINTING EMINENT DOMAIN COMPENSATION COMMISSION

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Fremont County Board of Supervisors this 10th day of January 2024, that the following persons are appointed as members of the Eminent Domain Compensation Commission for the year 2024.

BANKERS:

- Chris Johnson, Sidney, IA 51652
- Kent Claiborne, Hamburg, IA 51640
- Phil Worcester, Sidney, IA 51652
- Nicholas Clark, Tabor, IA 51653
- Cindy Gregg, Hamburg, IA 51640
- Jay Longinaker, Randolph, IA 51649

REAL ESTATE:

- Denise Hammer, Tabor, IA 51653
- Cory Gordon, Randolph, IA 51649
- Dan Holliman, Hamburg, IA 51640
- Nancy Vanatta, Sidney, IA 51652
- Jenna Gregory, Sidney, IA 51652
- Janell McIntyre, Farragut, IA 51639
- Doug Shirley, Sidney, IA 51652

PROPERTY OWNERS:

- Pat Sheldon, Percival, IA 51648
- Rita Lorimor, Sidney, IA 51652
- Joni Hickey, Thurman, IA 51654
- Twila Larson, Sidney, IA 51652
- Gerald Head, Imogene, IA 51645
- James D. Doyle, Farragut, IA 51639

FARMERS:

- John Askew, Thurman, IA 51654
- Bob Benton, Tabor, IA 51653
- H. Frances Lorimor, Sidney, IA 51652
- Dave Roberts, Sidney, IA 51652
- Sara Holt, Sidney, IA 51652
- Steve Lorimor, Farragut, IA 51639
- Justin Ewalt, Sidney, IA 51652

Motion to approve made by Blackburn.

ATTEST:

/s/ Dee Owen
Fremont County Auditor

/s/ Chris Clark, Chairman	aye
/s/ Dustin Sheldon	aye
/s/ Clint Blackburn	aye

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-8

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Fremont County Board of Supervisors this 10th day of January 2024, that the 2023 taxable utilities – payable 24/25 as certified to the Auditor by the Iowa State Department of Revenue and Finance be approved, collected, and disposed of as regular taxes, according to taxing district.

Taxable:

- Railroads 25,681,197
- Pipeline 5,849,903
- Transmission Lines 2,910,182
- Electric 13,125,606
- Gas 772,928
- Total: 48,339,816

Motion to approve made by Sheldon.

ATTEST:

/s/ Dee Owen
Fremont County Auditor

/s/ Chris Clark, Chairman aye
/s/ Dustin Sheldon aye
/s/ Clint Blackburn aye

Motion by Blackburn to table board appointments until next week. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Alise Snyder met with the board for the approval of the semi-annual report. Motion by Sheldon to approve the semi-annual report. Motion carried unanimously.

Engineer Dan Davis met with the board for the signing of the following:

Motion by Sheldon to allow Chairman Clark to sign an application for approval of underground construction in county ROW for Windstream Communications, LLC to bore under Waubonsie Ave .53 mile east from intersection of Line Street and Highway 275 to 2705 Waubonsie Avenue, Tabor, IA. Motion carried unanimously.


In other business, the Sheriff's Report for November 2023 and the Recorder's Monthly Report for December were approved.

Claims were approved for January 12, 2024.

At 9:10 a.m., with no further business, Blackburn motioned to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:


Dee Owen, Auditor


Chris Clark, Chairman

The Fremont County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, in the Fremont County Courthouse Boardroom, with Chris Clark, Dustin Sheldon, and Clint Blackburn present. A quorum was declared, and the meeting officially called to order at 9:00 a.m. Minutes of the previous board session were read and approved. The agenda was approved as posted.

Let the records show that there were no other attendees present at this meeting.

Supervisor Dustin Sheldon took a moment to recognize the passing of former Fremont County Supervisor John Whipple and his many years of dedicated service to Fremont County.

Motion by Sheldon to rescind Resolution No. 2024-7 Appointing Eminent Domain Commission. Motion carried unanimously.
RESOLUTION NO. 2024-9

RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION 2024-7:

WHEREAS, the Fremont County Board of Supervisors is rescinding Resolution No. 2024-7 APPOINTING EMINENT DOMAIN COMPENSATION COMMISSION approved on January 10, 2024.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Fremont County Board of Supervisors, sitting in session this 17th day of January 2024, that Resolution 2024-7 be rescinded.

Dated this 17th Day of January, 2024.

Motion by Blackburn and carried unanimously.

/s/ Dee Owen
Fremont County Auditor

/s/ Chris Clark, Chairman aye
/s/ Dustin Sheldon aye
/s/ Clint Blackburn aye

The board discussed the need to recategorize the Eminent Domain Commission. Motion by Clark to approve Resolution No. 2024-10 Appointing Eminent Domain Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-10

RESOLUTION APPOINTING EMINENT DOMAIN COMPENSATION COMMISSION

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Fremont County Board of Supervisors this 17th day of January 2024, that the following persons are appointed as members of the Eminent Domain Compensation Commission for the year 2024.

PROPERTY VALUE OCCUPATIONS:

Chris Johnson, Sidney, IA 51652
Karen Berry, Sidney, IA 51652
Phil Worcester, Sidney, IA 51652
Nicholas Clark, Tabor, IA 51653
Cindy Gregg, Hamburg, IA 51640
Kendra Johnson, Farragut, IA 51639
Jay Longinaker, Randolph, IA 51649

REAL ESTATE:

Denise Hammer, Tabor, IA 51653
Cory Gordon, Randolph, IA 51649
Dan Holliman, Hamburg, IA 51640
Nancy Vanatta, Sidney, IA 51652
Jenna Gregory, Sidney, IA 51652
Janell McIntyre, Farragut, IA 51639
Doug Shirley, Sidney, IA 51652

CITY PROPERTY OWNERS:

Staci Shearer, Farragut, IA 51639
Rita Lorimor, Sidney, IA 51652
Alan Dovel, Hamburg, IA 51640
Tina Apperson, Hamburg, IA 51640
Kristin Blackburn, Tabor, IA 51653
Brendon Hardy, Sidney, IA 51652
Paul Hutt, Sidney, IA 51652

FARMERS:

John Askew, Thurman, IA 51654
Bob Benton, Tabor, IA 51653
H. Frances Lorimor, Sidney, IA 51652
Dave Roberts, Sidney, IA 51652
Pat Sheldon, Percival, IA 51648
Steve Lorimor, Farragut, IA 51639
Justin Ewalt, Sidney, IA 51652

Motion to approve made by Clark.

ATTEST:

/s/ Dee Owen
Fremont County Auditor

/s/ Chris Clark, Chairman	aye
/s/ Dustin Sheldon	aye
/s/ Clint Blackburn	aye

The board discussed appointments to the Board of Health, SWIPCO Policy Council, and Loess Hills Alliance Board. Motion by Blackburn to appoint Nicole Matheson as resident and Rod McGinley as an MD to the Board of Health. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Sheldon to nominate Supervisor Blackburn as an alternate for SWIPCO Policy Council. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Blackburn to reappoint Susan Shepherd as the economic and business development representative for SWIPCO Policy Council. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Sheldon to reappoint Mike Fox and Bob Benton to the Loess Hills Alliance Board. Motion carried unanimously.

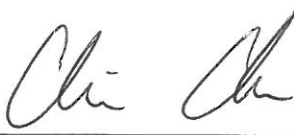
Motion by Blackburn to correct the use of courthouse date for the Fremont County Republican Convention from January 17 to February 17. Motion carried unanimously.

Claims were approved for January 19, 2024.

At 9:55 a.m., with no further business, Sheldon motioned to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:


Dee Owen, Auditor


Chris Clark, Chairman

The Fremont County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Wednesday, January 24, 2024, in the Fremont County Courthouse Boardroom, with Chris Clark, Dustin Sheldon, and Clint Blackburn present. A quorum was declared, and the meeting officially called to order at 9:00 a.m. Minutes of the previous board session were read and approved. The agenda was approved as posted.

Let the records show that Engineer Dan Davis, Maintenance Supervisor Jeff Shirley, Assistant Auditor Cassie Gilbert, and Recorder Tarah Berry were present at this meeting.

Motion was made by Sheldon to allow Chairman Clark to sign the following Resolution 2024-11. Motion carried unanimously.
RESOLUTION NO. 2024-11

CONSTRUCTION EVALUATION RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Iowa Code section 459.304(3) sets out the procedure if a board of supervisors wishes to adopt a “construction evaluation resolution” relating to the construction of a confinement feeding operation structure; and

WHEREAS, only counties that have adopted a construction evaluation resolution can submit to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) an adopted recommendation to approve or disapprove a construction permit application regarding a proposed confinement feeding operation structure; and

WHEREAS, only counties that have adopted a construction evaluation resolution and submitted an adopted recommendation may contest the DNR’s decision regarding a specific application; and

WHEREAS, by adopting a construction evaluation resolution the board of supervisors agrees to evaluate every construction permit application for a proposed confinement feeding operation structure received by the board of supervisors between February 1, 2024, and January 31, 2025, and submit an adopted recommendation regarding that application to the DNR; and

WHEREAS, the board of supervisors must conduct an evaluation of every construction permit application using the master matrix created in Iowa Code section 459.305, but the board’s recommendation to the DNR may be based on the final score on the master matrix or may be based on reasons other than the final score on the master matrix;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF FREMONT COUNTY that the Board of Supervisors hereby adopts this construction evaluation resolution pursuant to Iowa Code section 459.304(3).

/s/ Chris Clark

Chair, Board of Supervisors

January 24, 2024

ATTEST:

/s/ Dee Owen

County Auditor

January 24, 2024

Motion by Blackburn to approve the Conservation Board’s 2023 Annual Report. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Sheldon to set public hearing for the budget amendment for February 14, 2024, at 9:20 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Blackburn to leave health insurance rates the same for FY24/25. Motion carried unanimously.

Engineer Dan Davis and Maintenance Supervisor Jeff Shirley met with the board for an update on snow removal. Davis discussed all the people that they had to take to safety for the first two days. These were members of the public that were out driving in the storm and became stranded. The graders were pulled off their regular routes because they were the only vehicles that could get to the people. He stated they started to lose trucks with mechanical issues (mostly electrical) early in the storm. GPS worked well to show where operators have been. Davis informed the board that they purchased a used 2010 snowblower. The old snow blower broke down and they couldn’t get parts as it was a 1981 model. When the wind changed direction, it blew back in, and they had to clear roads again. He thought motor patrols caught the brunt of the complaints as it took them longer to get to the roads. After much discussion, the board and engineer will be in communication during storms so the board can explain to members of the public how things are progressing.

Davis also discussed that there is a good section that crumbled on Manti Road. They are going to see how it dries and try to get something over it to protect the base.

At 9:34 a.m., the board canvassed the 2024 Drainage Elections held on January 20th, 2024. Motion made by Sheldon to approve the results. Motion carried unanimously.

Claims were approved for January 26, 2024.

At 9:41a.m., with no further business, Blackburn motioned to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:



Dee Owen, Auditor



Chris Clark, Chairman